

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/15/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 4/15/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Oskorep on 2/7/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Re. Abstract: Before the phrase "depositing yoke layer" in line 10, insert --and--.

After the phrase "the resulting structure" in line 11, replace "; and performing a chemically... to thereby form a yoke" to --.--.

IN THE CLAIM

Re. Claim 19: Before the phrase "structure" as recited in line 14, replace the phrase "resulting" to --entire--.

Re. Claim 26: Before the phrase "structure" as recited in line 7, replace the phrase "the resulting structure" to --the front pole tip and the insulating materials--.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Insert --Prior Art-- to Figs. 3-9. In order to avoid

abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose the claimed invention such as a process of etching to remove the selectively etchable material layer and depositing yoke layer material over the entire structure to form a yoke. The closest reference, Han et al. (US PAT. 6,504,677) teach a process of making write head including a front pole tip (44), a back gap pedestal (52), and insulator materials (54) disposed between the front pole tip and the back gap pedestal and forming a layer of selectively etchable materials (46) over the top surface of the partially constructed magnetic head, the layer having a front edge that is recessed away from an air bearing surface (ABS) and forming additional insulator materials (54) over the selectively etchable material layer and over a front portion of the front pole tip and forming a yoke layer material (48) on the selectively etchable material layer and forming an additional insulator materials (56) to fill a recess away from an air bearing surface as shown in Fig. 2. However, Han et al. fail to teach to remove the selectively etchable material prior to form the yoke layer. Therefore, it would not be obvious to modify Han et al. by removing the etchable material prior to form the yoke layer, since doing so would destroy the structure of write head of Han et al.

4. Claims 19-35 are allowed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D. Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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